

Public Health Nursing

PROMOTING HEALTHY PEOPLE IN
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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Objectives

- Define Public Health Nursing
- Discuss the history of Public Health Nursing
- Recognize the core public health functions and services
- Differentiate between clinical care nursing and public health nursing
- Understand the collective impact public health nurses make
- Recognize and value public health nursing as a specialty

Public Health Nursing Defined

American Public Health Association Public Health Nursing Section

**"the practice of promoting and protecting
the health of populations using
knowledge from nursing, social, and
public health sciences"**

Public Health Nursing Pioneer

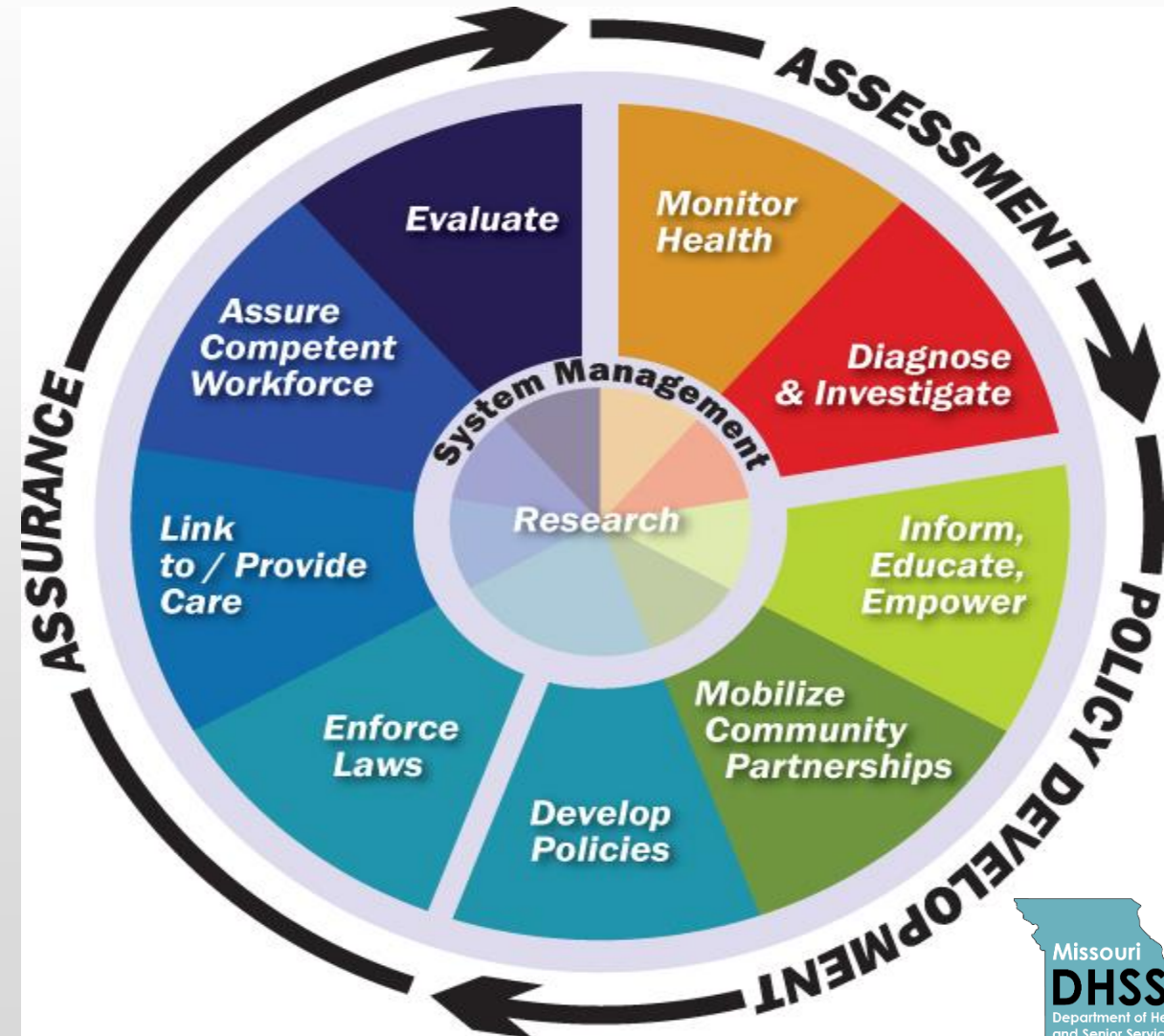


- Lillian Wald is the founder of Public Health Nursing in the U.S.
- First to use the term 'public health nursing'
- Vision of nurses as guardians of the public's health
- Established the Henry Street Nurse's Settlement
- Visiting Nurse Service of New York

The Origin of Public Health Nursing

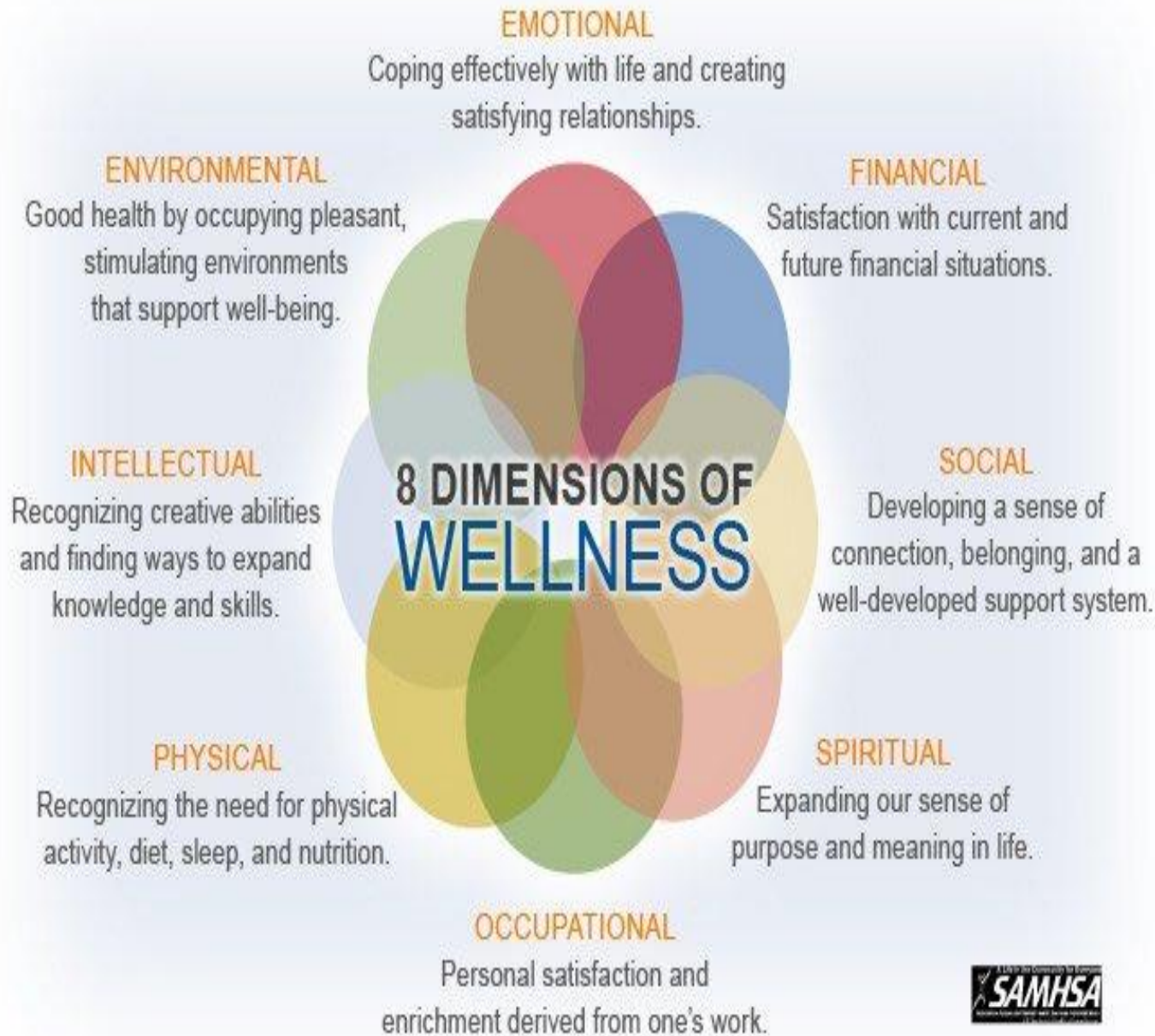


Core Public Health Functions & Services



The Work of a Public Health Nurse

- Community & population focused
- Prevention
- Environment
- Access to care
- Autonomous
- Flexible



Health education & promotion



Emergency planning, preparedness, and response



Data collection & analysis



Collaboration



Advocate

Missouri Council for Public Health Nursing

- <https://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/phnursing/cphn.php>
- Public Health Nursing Discussion Group - handout
- Resources
 - Brochure
 - Public Health Nursing Manual
 - New Public Health Nursing Orientation Manual
 - Council member information

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